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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hadi Shakeri

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-25, 40, 41, 57 and 59-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21-25, 40, 41, 57 and 59 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 60-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

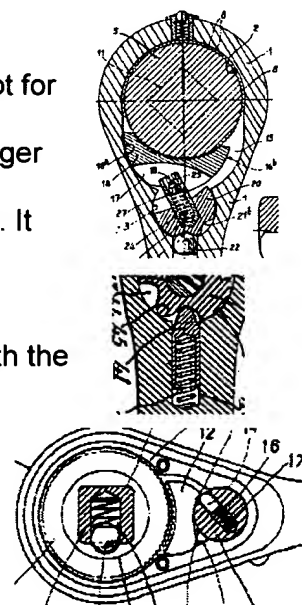
1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 60, 62, 63, and 66 -70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over either JP 11 155 271 or DE 1 810 811 in view of Kress.

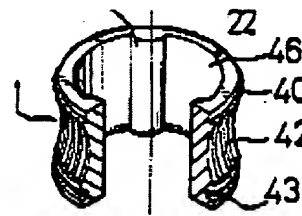
Either JP' 271 or DE' 811 meets all the limitations of claim 60, except for the particular type of the detent means. Kress teaches a spring-loaded plunger in which the peg or the plunger has a receptacle accommodating the spring. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the invention of either JP' 271 or DE' 811 with the spring loaded plunger as taught by Kress for ease of assembly and to reduce cost.

Regarding claims 62, 63, 66 and 67-70, JP' 271 or DE' 811 as modified by Kress meets the limitations.



3. Claims 61, 64 and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prior art (DE' 811 in view of either Kress or Rozmus) as applied to claim 60 above, further in view of Chow.

Prior art as applied to claim 60, meets all the limitations of claim 61, except for the drive member to be a recessed gear wheel.



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Chow teaches a ratchet wrench with a recessed gear wheel. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to further modify the modified tool of prior art with a gear wheel as taught by Chow to adapt the tool for with a recessed gear wheel for engaging with the like fasteners.

Regarding claims 64 and 65, PA meets the limitations, i.e., first annular groove, a second annular groove, and a C-clip.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 21-25, 40, 41, 57 and 59 are allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: an elastic member having a first end disposed with the first receptacle and a second end attached to the rotatable switch member (embodiment of, e.g., Fig. 3) in view of approved TD places these claims in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed June 27, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

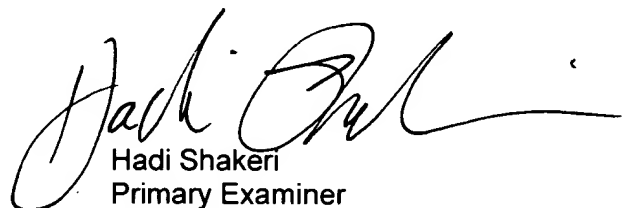
In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

The combination (DE' 811 and Kress) when modified would result in a different detent means, as taught by the teaching reference, which would required for the pin to engage contacting surfaces on the pawl. One cannot only change portions of the biasing means, since different parts i.e., spring loaded plunger would have to cooperate with the correspondingly shaped pawl, thus the detent means would have to be modified by the taught by Kress and the means include contacting surfaces between the pawl and the pin.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Shakeri whose telephone number is 571-272-4495. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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